

HODDER DARGAUD PRESENTS



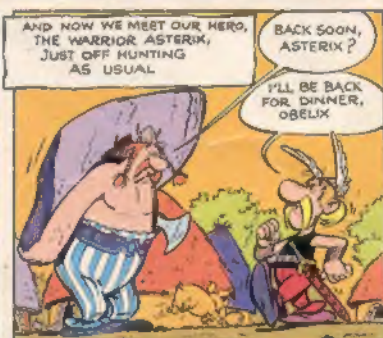
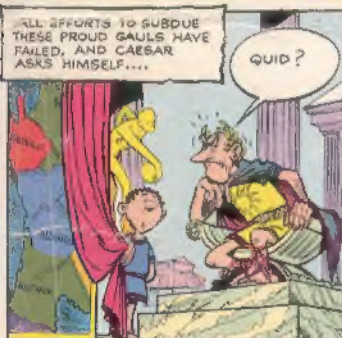
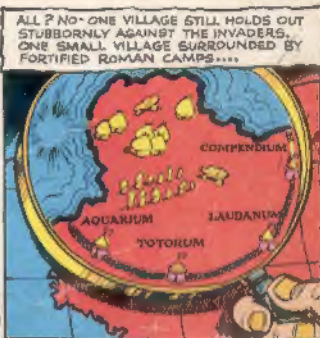
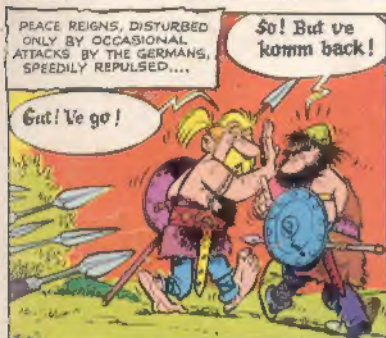
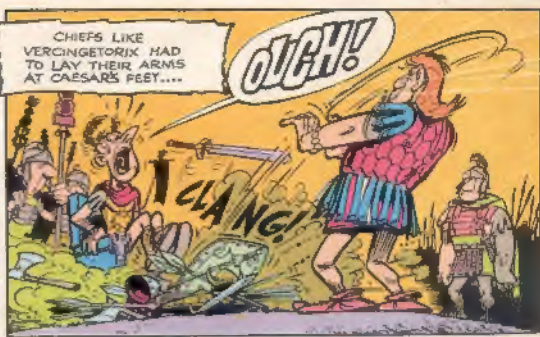
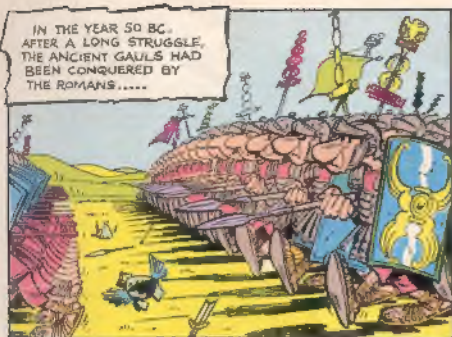
BOOK 1

TEXT: GOSCINNY  
DRAWINGS: UDERZO

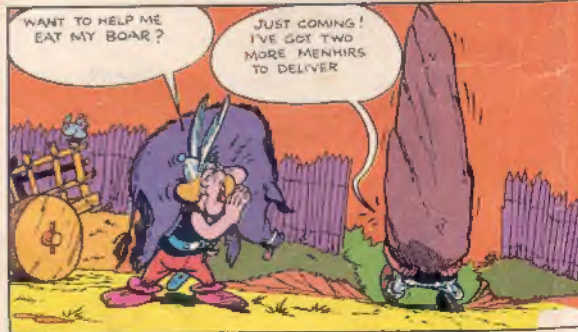
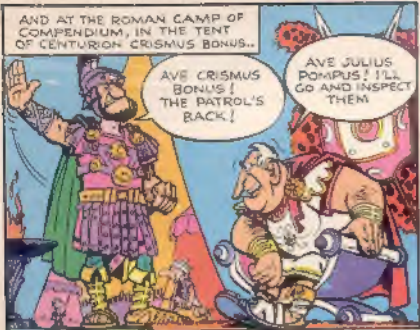
# Asterix

## The Gaul





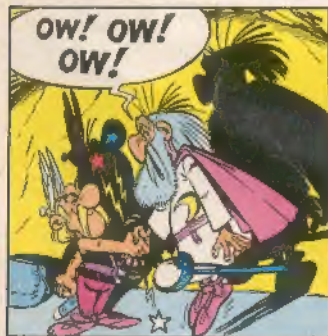
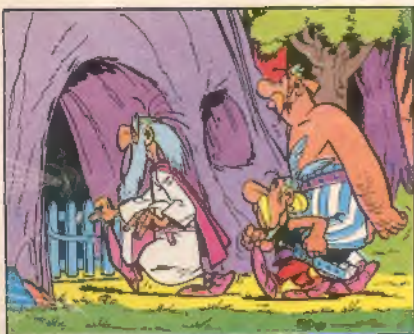
















WE'VE BEEN LAYING SIEGE TO THESE GAULS FOR YEARS! THEY'VE GOT A NERVE! THIS MORNINGS PROVOCATION IS GOING TOO FAR. ONE AGAINST FOUR IS NO JOKE! THEY'RE MAKING US LOOK RIDICULOUS



THERE'S SOME MYSTERY BEHIND THE STRENGTH OF THESE GAULS. WE MUST LEARN THEIR SECRET



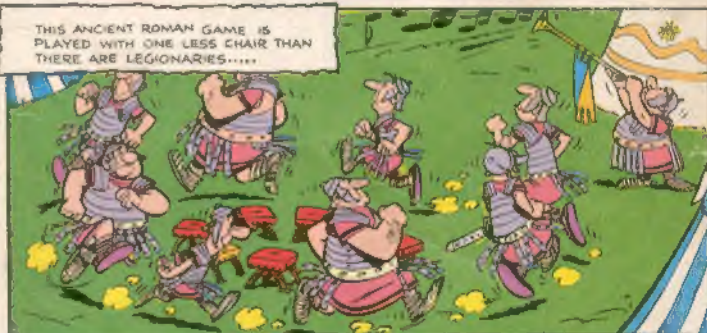
YOU'RE RIGHT, MARCUS GINANTONICUS! WE MUST LEARN THEIR SECRET, AND FAST! CAESAR HAS INDICATED HIS DISPLEASURE ALL THE WAY FROM ROME. WE NEED A SPY IN THE GAULS' VILLAGE. I WANT A VOLUNTEER!



AS THERE ARE SO MANY VOLUNTEERS, WE'LL HAVE TO PLAY MUSICAL CHAIRS TO PICK THE SPY!



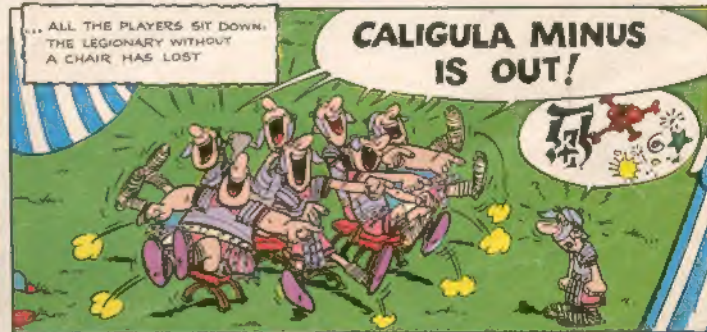
THIS ANCIENT ROMAN GAME IS PLAYED WITH ONE LESS CHAIR THAN THERE ARE LEGIONARIES....



...WHEN THE MUSIC STOPS....

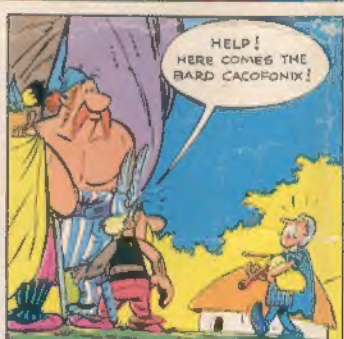


... ALL THE PLAYERS SIT DOWN. THE LEGIONARY WITHOUT A CHAIR HAS LOST

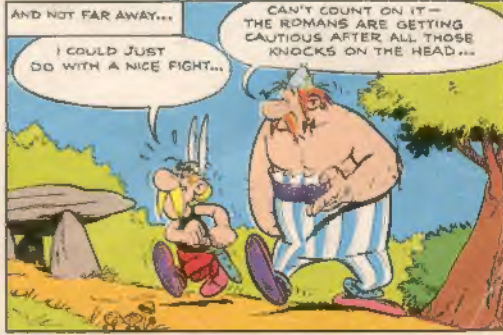
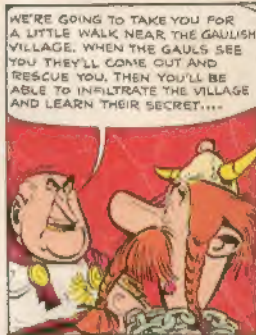
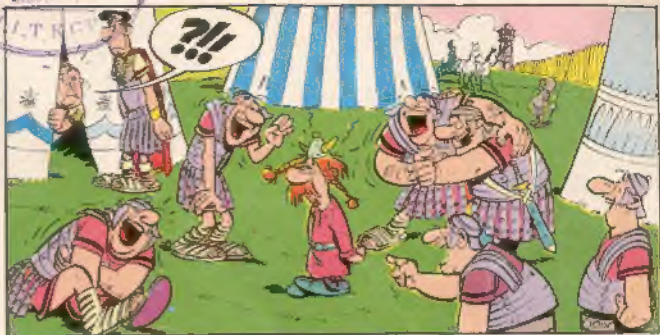
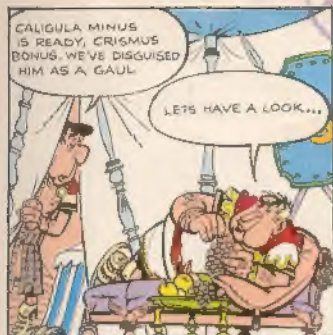


**CALIGULA MINUS IS OUT!**

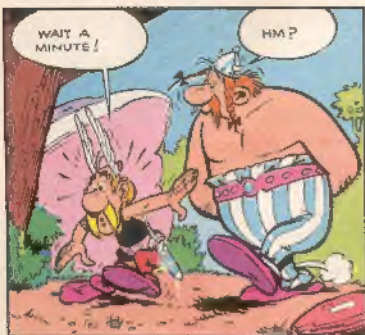




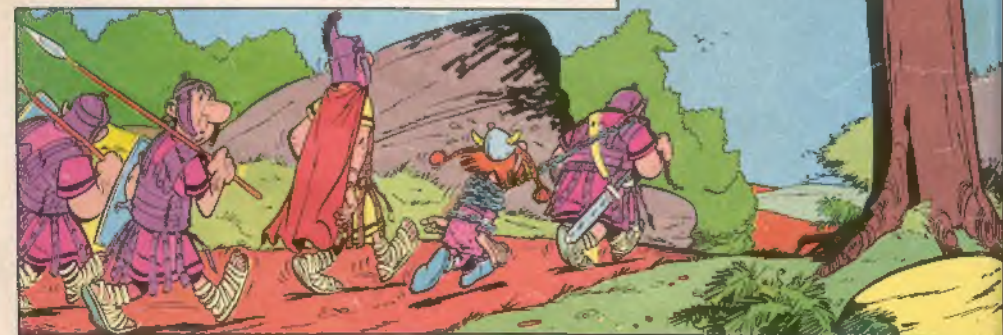




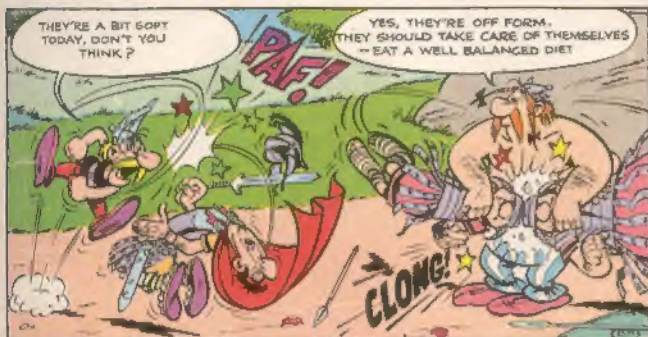
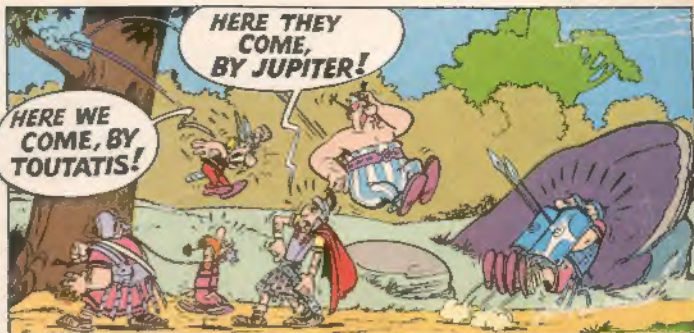




(!) SPAGHETTI WAS NOT IMPORTED FROM CHINA BY MARCO POLO UNTIL MUCH LATER

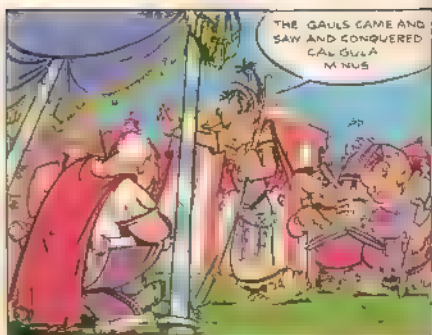








MARCUS GNANTONELS AND HIS  
HERCULES ETACHMENT RETURN TO  
CONDENSUM



LET'S HOPE  
JALGULA MINUS  
GETS BACK IN ONE  
PIECE O' B.L.U.S.  
WHAT HE'S SEEN



ALIA JACTA  
EST!

PARDON?



HA HA  
A GREAT  
COMFORT



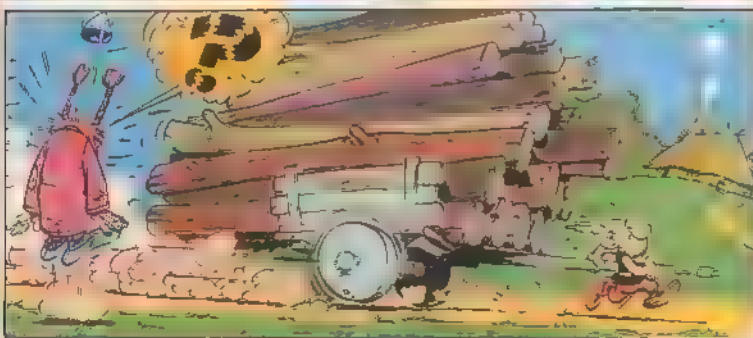
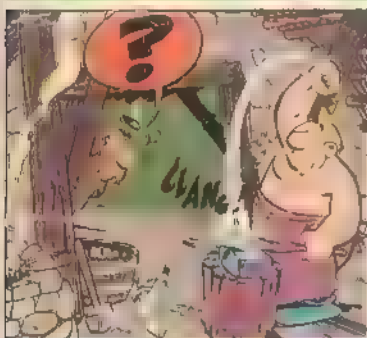
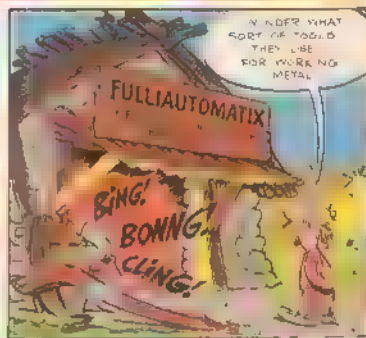
THEY'VE GOT  
SOMETHING  
WITH THEM!

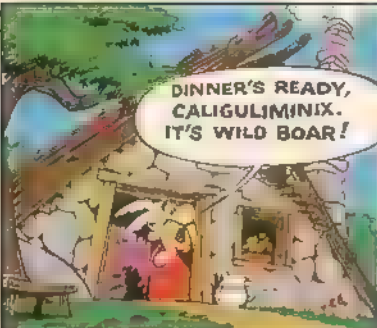


YES WE HAVE TO BE  
PREPARED TO FIGHT  
THE ROMANS AT THE  
DROP OF A HELMET











DINNER'S READY,  
CALIGULIMINIX.  
IT'S WILD BOAR!



IS THERE SOME SECRET BEHIND  
YOUR SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH?


EAT UP YOUR BOAR  
IT'S GETTING COLD

YEA YIM!  
YES BUT WE CAN'T  
REVEAL  
SCRUNCH!




WHY CAN'T YOU REVEAL  
YOUR SECRET?

BECAUSE  
IT'S A  
SECRET



THAT'S NOT FAR!  
WHAT ARE THINGS COMING  
TO SOME GALS CAN'T  
TRUST ANOTHER?




HE WAS AS STRONG  
AS YOU COULD GET THROUGH  
THE ROMAN LINES AND  
GO HOME  
TO LUTETIA




MY DREAM  
FAMILY  
ON FRIDAY  
YOU'LL BE  
WORRIED  
TO DEATH

WHAT  
DO WE  
DO NOW?

WE COULD  
ALWAYS  
EAT HIS  
WILD BOAR?



COME ON  
CALIGULIMINIX!  
WE'RE GOING TO  
SEE THE DRUID




HE' BE UP AN  
OAK TREE 'TIL THE  
SIXTH DAY OF THE NEW  
MOON AND MISTLETOE  
CUT THEN IS A  
POWERFUL ANY DOYE  
TO POISON



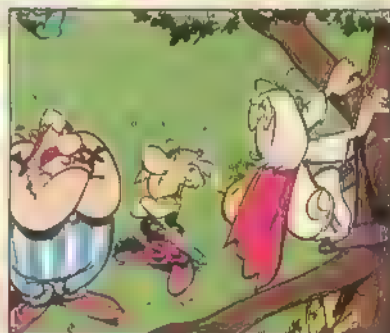
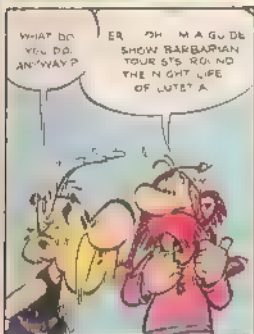
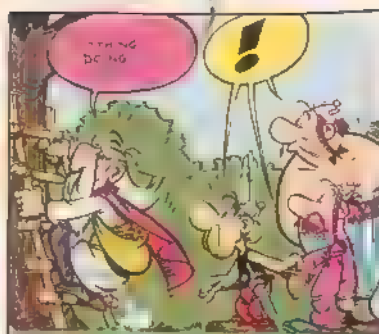
HI,  
DRUID!

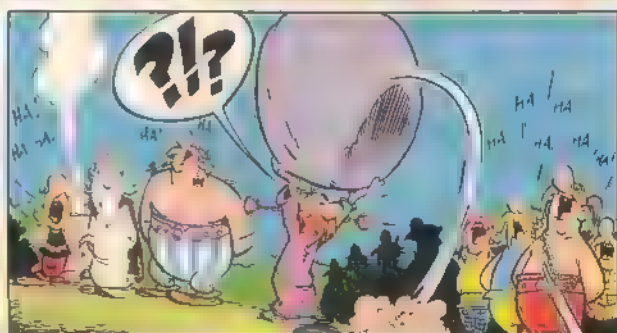
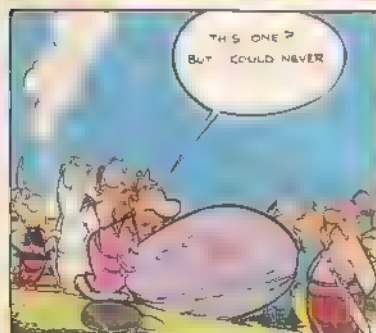
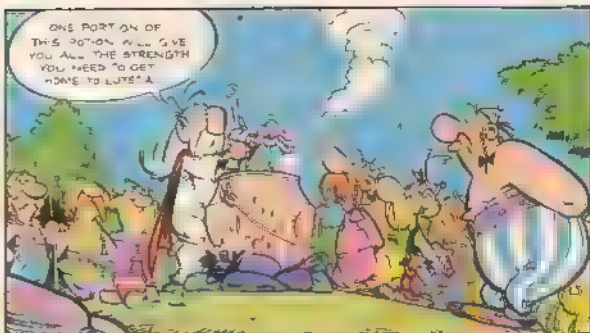
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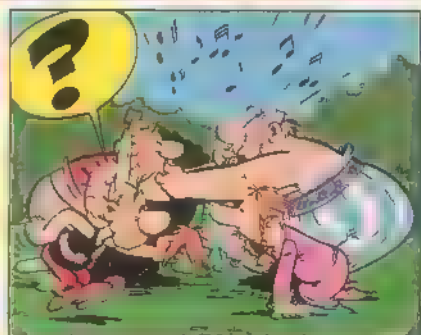
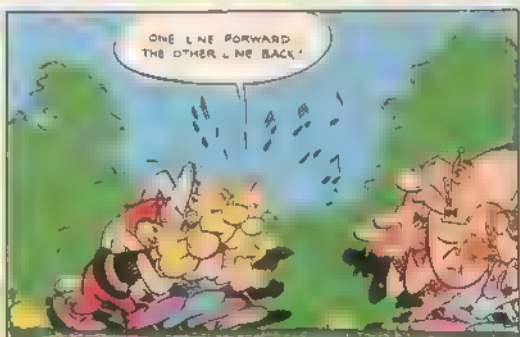
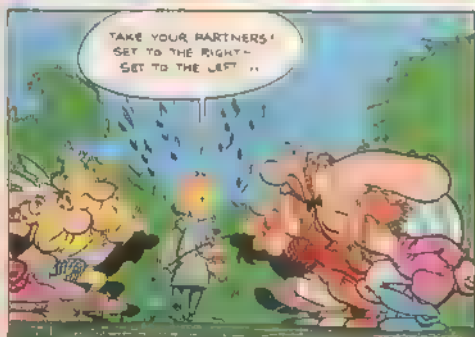
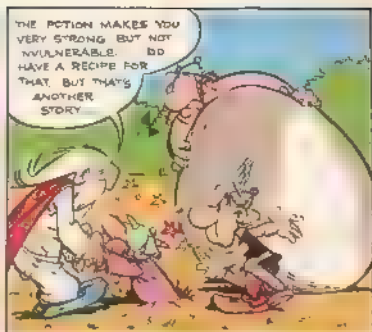
ASTERIX I TOLD  
YOU BEFORE NOT TO  
MAKE ME JUMP  
WHEN I WAS  
MY SICKLE!!!

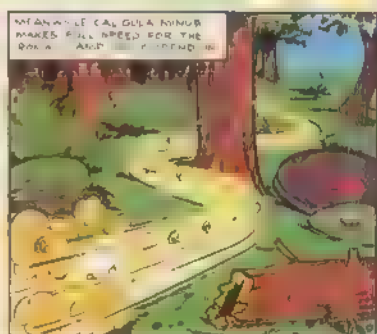
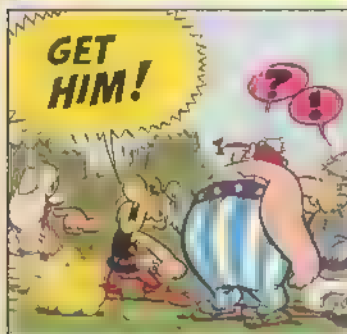
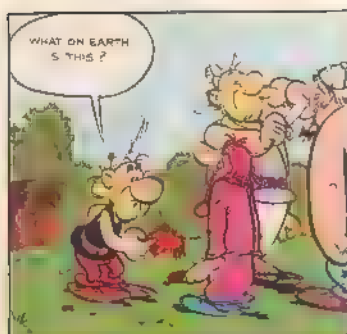




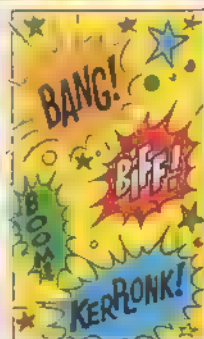


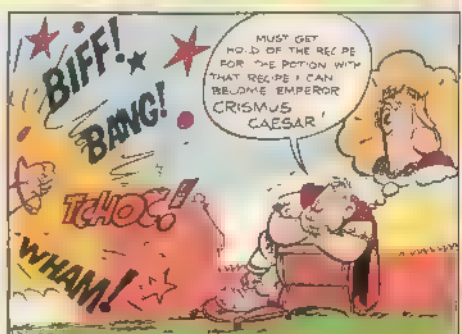
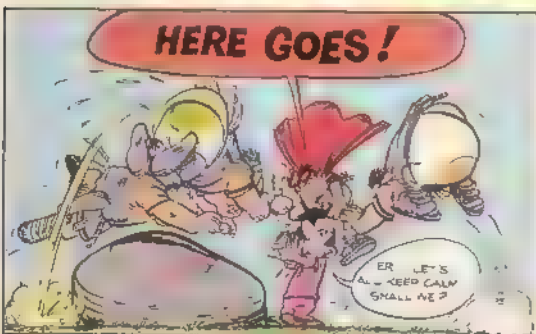
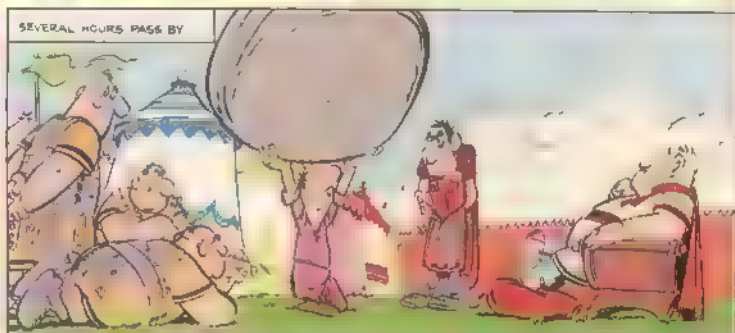
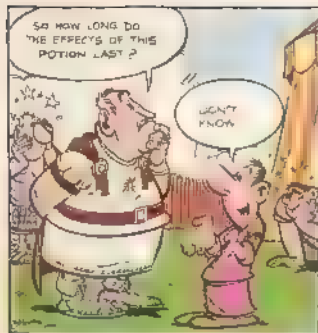
















SOON AFTERWARDS  
IN THE GAULISH  
VILLAGE

I'M JUST GOING TO PICK  
SOME MISTLETOE IN THE  
FOREST

WANT ME TO  
COME WITH YOU  
DRUID?

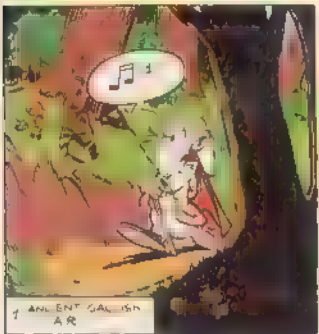


NO, ASTRIX! YOU STAY HERE  
TO GUARD THE VILLAGE! YOU  
GET YOUR STRENGTH FROM  
MY POT ON, BUT YOUR  
INTELLIGENCE AND CUNNING  
ARE ALL YOUR OWN



I WOULD BE A  
DISASTER FOR US TO  
LOST YOU, BESIDES  
BE BACK SOON

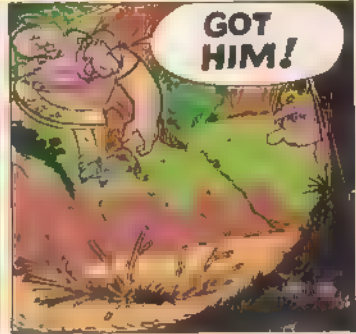
GOOD



1 AM ENT GAULISH  
AR



OOPS!



GOT  
HIM!



2 AM ENT GAULISH  
SWEAR-WORDS



SOON  
AFTERWARDS

WE GOT THE  
DRUID O  
2 REMUS BONUS!

GOOD WORK  
TULUR VETORUS



AS A REWARD YOU  
SHALL HAVE 100 SESTERTI  
AND YOU CAN GO TO  
SEE THE CIRCUS



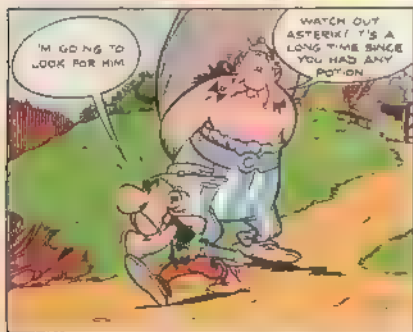
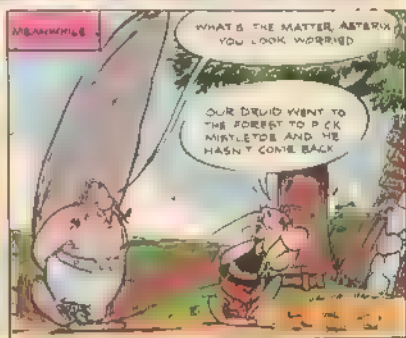
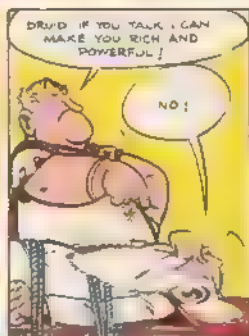
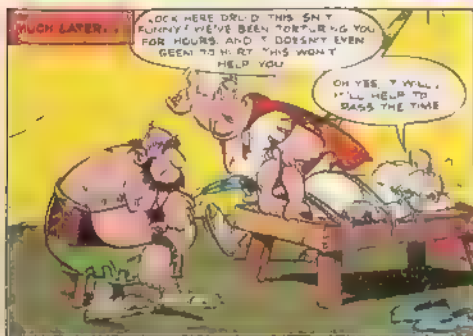
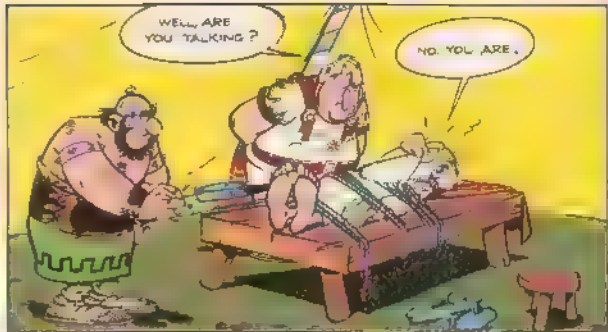
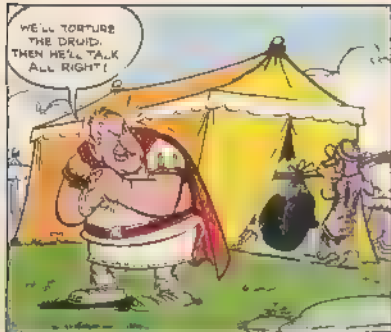
GOODY GOODY  
GUMDROPS!  
I'M GOING TO THE  
CIRCUS!



NOW DRUID  
YOU WILL TELL ME  
YOUR SECRET!

THAT'S WHAT  
YOU  
THINK!







**DRUID!  
O, DRUID!**

HERE'S THE ROMAN ROAD.  
THERE'S A LOT OF TRAFFIC.

MI

YOU LOOK  
WORRIED,  
FRIEND.

MY GODS WHAT  
AM I TO DO?

M

I'M AN OX DEALER BUT IF  
SELL MY OXEN I WON'T HAVE  
ANYTHING TO PULL MY CART  
AND THEN HOW DO I GET  
HOME?

CHANGE YOUR JOB!  
BE A CART DEALER!  
YOU CAN SELL YOUR  
CART AND TAKE  
YOUR OXEN HOME!

!

MI

**WONDERFUL!  
MARVELLOUS!  
BRILLIANT IDEA!**

HOW CAN I EVER  
REPAY YOU?

JUST TELL ME  
SOMETHING.  
DID YOU SEE A DRUID  
PASS THIS WAY  
GATHERING  
WISDOM?

NO THERE WAS A DRUID BUT SOME  
LEGIONAIRES WERE TAKING HIM TO  
COMPENDIUM IN A STRONG BAG

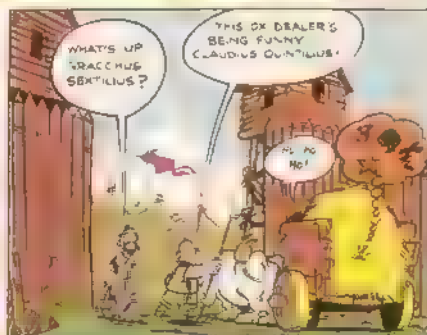
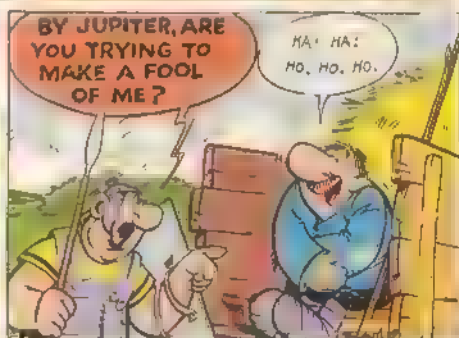
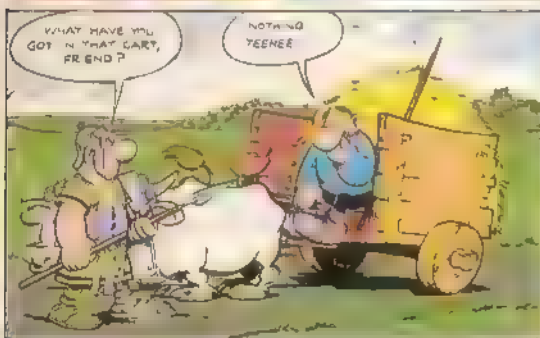
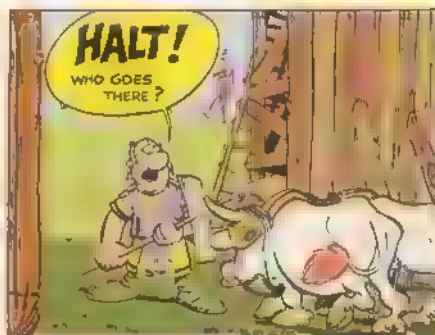
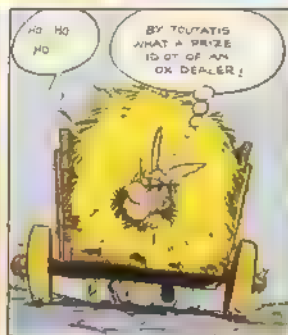
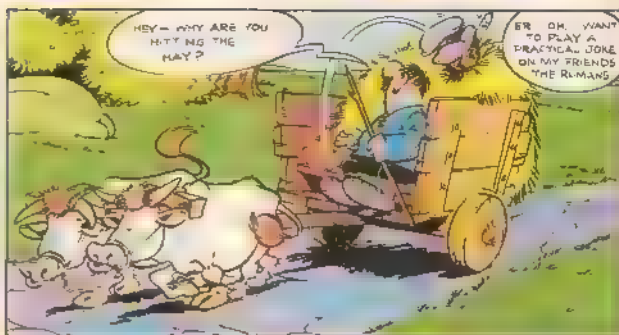
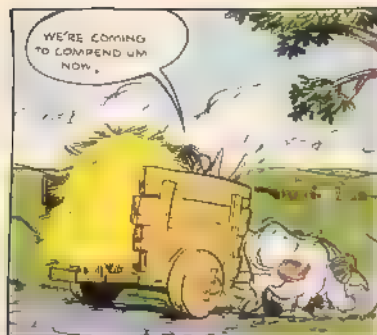
!!!

TAKE ME  
TO  
COMPENDIUM!

BUT I'M NOT  
GOING  
THAT WAY!

COMPENDIUM IS THE  
BIGGEST CART MART HEREABOUTS  
AND JUST NOW THE SECOND-  
HAND CART SHOW IS ON

WHAT A STROKE  
OF LUCK  
MEETING YOU!





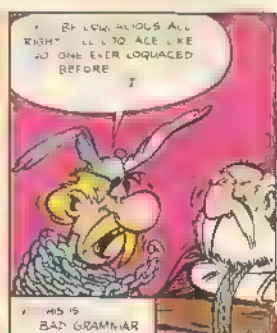
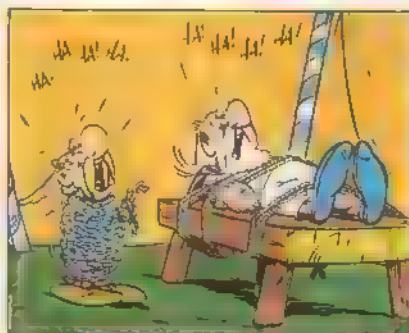
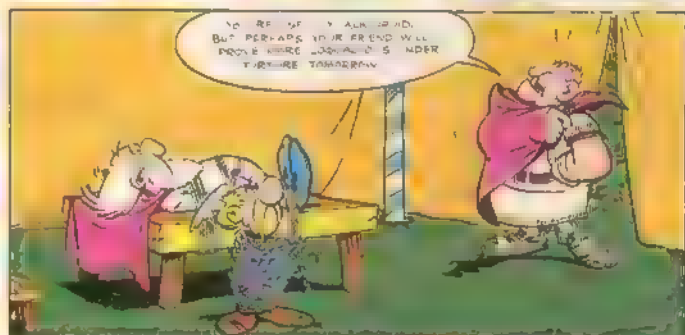
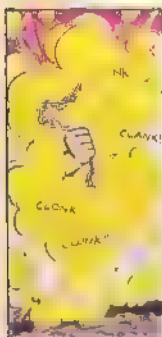
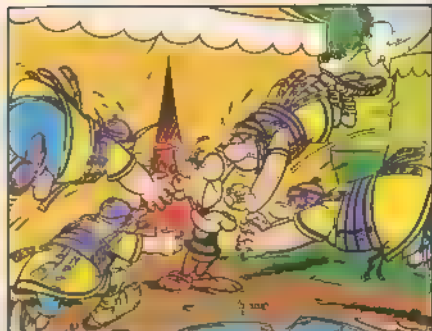




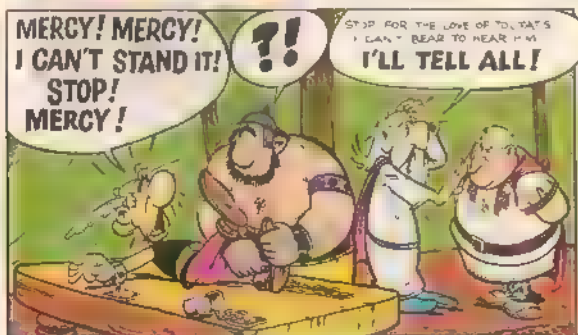
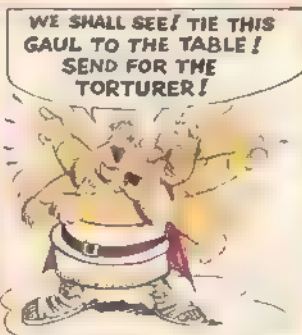
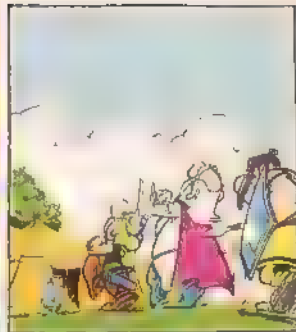


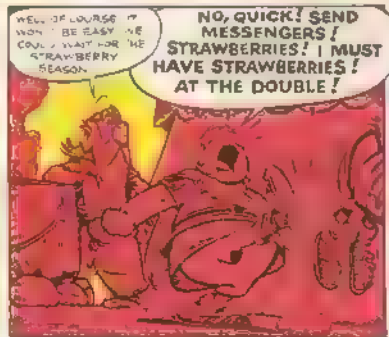
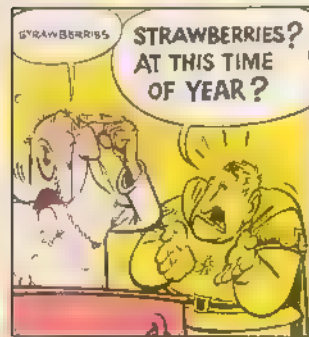
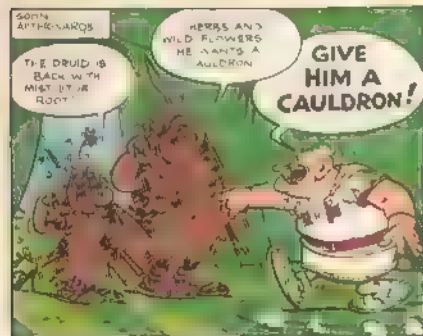


SEIZE HIM, YOU LILY-LIVERED LOT,  
OR I'LL SEND YOU TO THE CIRCUS  
TO BE THROWN TO THE LIONS!

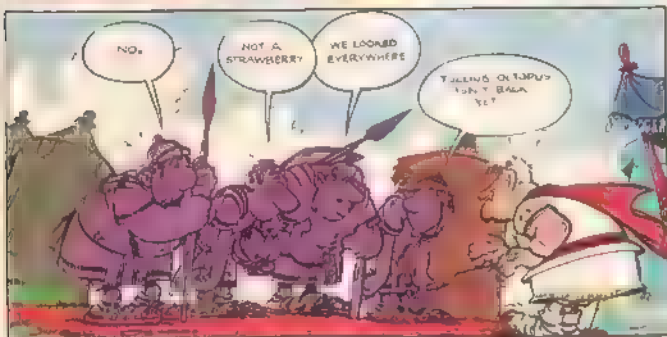
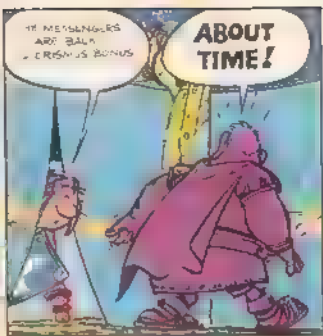












YOU'VE EATEN MY STRAWBERRIES AND NOW YOU  
HAVEN'T GOT ANY STRAWBERRIES AND YOU  
WANT MORE STRAWBERRIES AND IT'S NOT FAIR  
AND 'VE JUST ABOUT  
HAD ENOUGH

